

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Doug SWEET et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1797
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Application No.: 10/538,964	)	Examiner: D. Henkel
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Filed: June 14, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 5627
	)	
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	
AUTOMATIC STAINING OF	)	
TISSUE SAMPLES	)	

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2008, the period for response to which extends through March 2, 2009, as March 1, 2009 is a Sunday, by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.